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HYDRO POWER IN BIHAR
RAGHUVANSH PRASAD SINGH

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Bihar is left with the capacity to generate 49 Mega Watt Hydro Power after reorganization of Bihar State;

(b) if so, whether any assessment has been made for the Kanur and Indrapuri water reservoir schemes in Bihar;

(c) if so, the action taken by the Government thereon; and

(d) the time by which the work on these schemes is likely to be started?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA)

(a) : According to the Ministry of Non-Conventional Energy Sources andCentral Electricity Authority, the installed capacity of hydro power of Bihar is 44.9 MW.

(b) to (d) : Bihar State Hydro-electric Power Corporation has informed that on theirrequest the National Hydroelectric Power Corporation has already conducted survey and investigation of Kaimur Region and identified four sites of pumped storage schemes with a potential of 60 MW each.

Indrapuri Reservoir Scheme (5x90 MW), earlier known as KadhwanHydro-electric Project involves inter-state aspects between Bihar, Uttar Pradesh, Jharkhand and Madhya Pradesh (now Chhattisgarh), which need to be resolved by theproject authorities. Meetings have already been held in the Central Electricity Authorityand the matter taken up with the concerned State Governments to give their concurrence. While the Government of Madhya Pradesh had given its concurrence subject to certainconditions, the Government of Uttar Pradesh has conveyed its decision not to accord `in principle` approval in view of large submergence.